## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2000-593-C - ORDER NO. 2001-391

## APRIL 25, 2001

IN RE: ALLTEL South Carolina, Inc. – Excess ) ORDER ON EARNINGS Earnings for 12 Months Ended June 30, 2000 )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the matter of the earnings of Alltel South Carolina, Inc. (Alltel or the Company). On December 14, 2000, the Commission's Executive Director wrote the Company to state that, at June 30, 2000, the rate of return on common equity reflected a level of 16.08%. In Docket No. 84-182-C, the Commission approved a rate of return on common equity for the Company of 14.88%. The Executive Director's letter went on to request that the Company respond.

On March 1, 2001, the Company responded. After discussion with Commission Staff, Alltel reviewed allowable accounting adjustments consistent with past practices. Consistent with that review, Alltel made adjustments to its September 30, 2000 Earnings Surveillance Report to reflect known and measurable items impacting Alltel's reported earnings. The September 30, 2000 report, filed with the Commission Staff on January 4, 2001, reflected a rate of return on common equity of 14.76%. After performing the same accounting adjustments on the June 30, 2000 figures, the revision shows a return on common equity of 14.83%, which is below the authorized rate of return of 14.88%. Accordingly, Alltel requests that this Docket be closed.

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We have examined this response and agree that it adequately resolves the excess earnings situation for the period ending June 30, 2000. Therefore, no further action is required. The matter is therefore ended and the Docket shall be closed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Mullen Blee Chairman

ATTEST:

Hary E. Wolsh

Executive Director

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